

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1.  This communication is responsive to 09/23/2005.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-25 and 27-40.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
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9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Raymond A. Joao on 12/06/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

-- Claim 21. An apparatus, comprising:

a shipment conveyance device, wherein the shipment conveyance device is associated with a shipment, and further wherein the shipment conveyance device is at least one of a shipping container, a pallet, and a tote;

a global positioning device, wherein the global positioning device is located in, on, or at, the shipment conveyance device, and further wherein the global positioning device determines a position or location of the shipment conveyance device;

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a processing device, wherein the processing device processes at least one of information regarding the shipment and information regarding the shipment conveyance device in response to an occurrence of an event or in response to a request for information regarding the shipment or the shipment conveyance device, wherein the processing device generates a message containing information regarding the position or location of the shipment or the shipment conveyance device and information regarding at least one of the occurrence of an event, a status of the shipment, ~~a position or location of the shipment or the shipment conveyance device~~, a shipment temperature, and an impact or force on the shipment conveyance device; and

a transmitter, wherein the transmitter transmits the message to a communication device associated with at least one of a sender of the shipment, a receiver of the shipment, and a carrier of the shipment. --

Claim 26 has been deleted.

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